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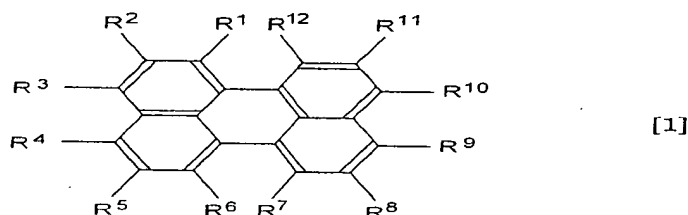
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In the Claims

Amend claims 1, 7, 8, and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however, ~~at least one~~ one or two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

2. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of A¹ and Ar² has substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

3. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a light-emitting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

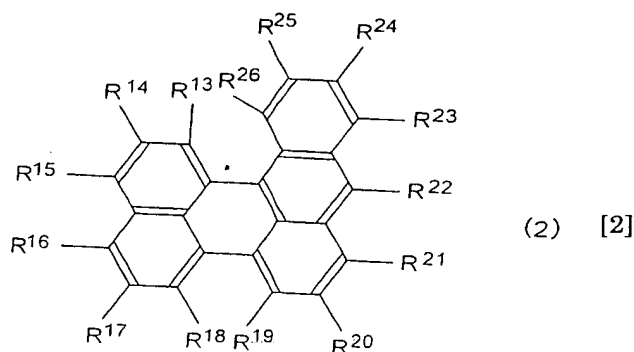
4. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a hole transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

5. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least an electron transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

6. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is the substituted or non-

substituted alkyl group, the substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, the substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, the substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, the substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, the substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or the substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

7. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including[, either singly or as a mixture,] a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula [2] as follows:



wherein each of R¹³ to R²⁶ independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted [aklyl] alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy

group; and two of R^{13} to R^{26} may form a ring; and at least one of R^{13} to R^{26} is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [2] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

8. (Currently Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein at least one of R^{13} to R^{26} is a diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted aromatic heterocyclic group)[, and the group with steric hindrance is other than the diarylamino group].

9. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 8, wherein at least one of A^1 and Ar^2 has substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

10. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a light-emitting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

11. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a hole transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

12. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least an electron transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

13. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [2] is the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, the substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, the substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, the substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, the substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, the substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or the substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

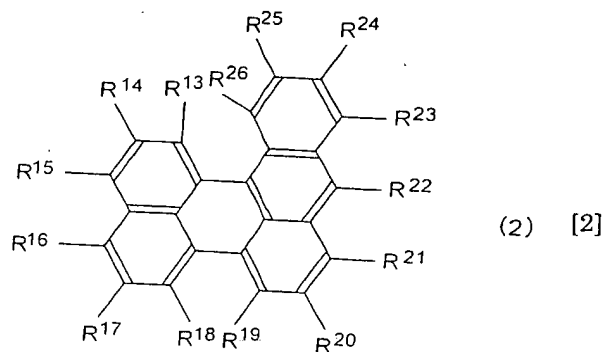
14. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyloxy, adamantyl, t-butyl or t-butoxy.

15. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the steric hindrance group is adamantyloxy or t-butoxy.

16. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least two of R^{13} to R^{26} are adamantyloxy or t-butoxy.

17. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyloxy, adamantyl, t-butyl, t-butoxy or phenyloxy.

18. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including[, either singly or as a mixture,] a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula [2] as follows:



wherein each of R¹³ to R²⁶ independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted [akyl] alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; and two of R¹³ to R²⁶ may form a ring; and at least one of R¹³ to R²⁶ is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

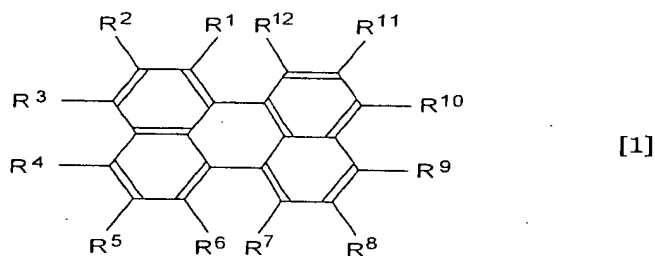
wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [2] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic

heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group,

wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyl.

Please add claims 19 and 20 as follows:

19. (New) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



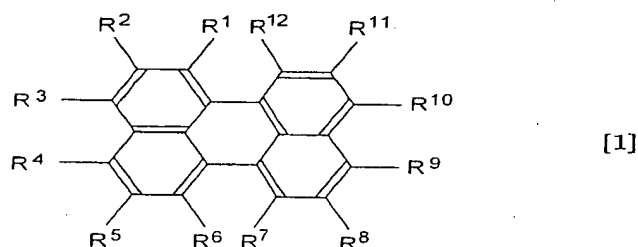
wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however, one or two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2

represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group,

wherein the perylene compound represented by formula [1] is used in combination with other compounds.

20. (New) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-

substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however, one or two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group,

wherein the perylene compound represented by formula [1] is used in alone and not in combination with other compounds.

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